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Professor Joshua Lederberg,
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Dear Josh:

Thank you for your advice in your letter of April 27th and for the promptness of your reply. We will discuss the matter of special speakers at the Congress during our Committee Meetings and will take your advice to heart.

You are quite correct emphasizing that there are vitally important issues of policy in connection with Extra-terrestrial exploration. It may well be that there should be an opportunity for discussion of this matter at a Microbiological Congress. And the problem is not likely to be less urgent in 1962. It is possible that there are several topics of this type and a short series of these might add spice to our proceedings.

You indicated in your letter that there was an enclosure concerning the concern of various official bodies with these problems. There was no enclosure and I should like to see it if you have copies available. I have seen brief notes in Science, Nature and in the Scientific American. One means of bringing special attention to this problem among Microbiologists would be to provide a general discussion for publication in the News Letters of the Society of American Bacteriologists and the Canadian Society of Microbiologists.

When we have had a chance to discuss this at the Programme Committee Meeting I will write again. Detailed planning is not likely to start for about a year.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R.G.E. Murray'.

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